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**Tab 1** – Service Area Maps of Kansas and Oklahoma.

## **Tab 2 -** ExParte Outline:

- Overview:
  - Density 4 lines per square mile.
  - Basic service costs \$120/line/month.
  - Advanced service costs Additional \$50 to \$60/line/month.
  - Access facilities used by IXCs, CLECs, Wireless, etc.
- Major sources of revenue:
  - Network access 49% or \$60/line/month.
  - Universal service funds 34% or \$40/line/month.
- Access revenues at risk due to:
  - Potential adoption of bill-and-keep; wireless traffic is not balanced in rural ILEC areas and thus bill-and-keep is inappropriate.
  - Arbitrage of access rates inappropriate expansion of local calling area via MTA and Virtual NPA-NXX.
  - Potential misapplication of ESP/ISP exemption (VOIP) which would allow arbitrage of access rates.
  - Application of lawfully approved access tariffs must be enforced.
- Universal service revenues at risk:
  - Insufficient public interest test for additional ETCs.
  - Asymmetric ETC criteria for Wireless ETCs.
  - A number of wireless carriers currently serve rural areas without support.
- Broadband:
  - Rural ILECs at the forefront of providing affordable service (approx. \$30/month).
  - Affordable rates only possible due to regulatory mechanisms (USF's and NECA pool) that support high rural costs.
  - The support mechanisms would be lost if rural broadband services were deregulated.
- **Tab 3** Phone-to-Phone VOIP traffic simply uses IP facilities as the means of transport. This traffic is still subject to originating and terminating access charges.

- **Tab 4** Wireless traffic is a significant and growing portion of rural ILEC terminating traffic. There is a significant imbalance in traffic terminated. Consequently, bill-and-keep for wireless traffic is inappropriate.
- **Tab 5** The Act's requirements are clear and require that equal access be added to the list of supported services.
- **Tab 6** Public interest issues that must be analyzed when considering if an additional ETC should be designated in rural LEC service areas.
- **Tab 7** Wireless Carriers serving ILEC rural areas.